



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PROCESSING TIMES FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

Effective: November 1, 2002 to October 31, 2003

Processing times are presented by Application Information System ("AIS") type code and by bureau. These times apply only to new applications accepted as complete for processing on or after November 1, 2001; the times do not apply to applications accepted before that date or to amendments and renewals.

The "Guaranteed Processing Time" column is measured from the date of acceptance to the date of Department action on the application. This is the maximum period of time the Department has to process an application before the forfeiture provisions contained in Maine Revised Statutes Title 38, Section 344-B apply. The "goal" column, where a number is given, is the average time the Department hopes to attain for each application type. All times are in calendar days unless specifically noted otherwise.

AIR QUALITY

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
70	part 70 air license (c. 140)	--	548 days
71	major & minor source license (c. 115)	--	270 days
72	general permit	--	60 days
75	property or sales & use tax exemption certification	(90 days)	180 days
76	variance	--	365 days

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - OIL

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
90	vessels at anchorage	(190 days)	240 days
92	oil terminal/vessel	(145 days)	180 days
91	oil terminal/existing fixed facility	(145 days)	180 days
91	oil terminal/new fixed facility	(290 days)	365 days
93	underground tank removal waiver	(70 days)	90 days
97	waste oil storage facility	(600 days)	(n/a)*

* The goal provided for this application type is based on historic experience; guarantees from DEP do not apply because the Board of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction over processing and licensing these facilities.

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - BIOMEDICAL WASTE

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
BA	biomedical waste transfer facility	(215 days)	270 days
BB	biomedical waste transfer facility/lbr	(145 days)	180 days
BC	biomedical waste treatment facility	(450 days)	(n/a)*
BD	biomedical waste treatment facility - site law	(540 days)	(n/a)*
BE	biomedical waste disposal facility	(450 days)	(n/a)*
BF	biomedical waste disposal facility - site law	(540 days)	(n/a)*
BG	petition to use alternate treatment	(365 days)	(n/a)*

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REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - HAZARDOUS WASTE

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
H9	hazardous waste ("hw") commercial storage facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HA	hw - commercial storage facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
H8	hw - storage facility	(720 days)	(n/a)*
HB	hw - storage facility subject to facility development	(810 days)	(n/a)*
H7	hw - commercial treatment facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HC	hw - commercial treatment facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HD	hw - onsite treatment facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HE	hw - onsite treatment facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HO	hw - commercial disposal facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HF	hw - commercial disposal facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HI	hw - disposal facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
H6	hw - disposal facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
H5	hw - all other commercial facilities	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
H4	hw - all other commercial facilities subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
H3	hw - all other non-commercial facilities	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
H2	hw - all other non-commercial facilities subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HW	hw - commercial combined facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
H1	hw - commercial combined facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HX	hw - combined facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HY	hw - combined facility subject to facility development	(1170 days)	(n/a)*
HZ	hw - mobile facility	(1080 days)	(n/a)*
HG	hw - post closure license	(1440 days)	(n/a)*
HH	hw - closure plan	(720 days)	(n/a)*
HJ	hw - post closure order	(1560 days)	(n/a)*
HK	hw - interim license	(45 days)	120 days
HL	abbreviated license ("al") for beneficial reuse on-site	(145 days)	180 days
HM	al - beneficial reuse off-site	(145 days)	180 days
HO	al - thermal treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HP	al - discharge to POTWs	(145 days)	180 days
HQ	al - reuse in wastewater treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HR	al - transfer facility	(145 days)	180 days
HS	al - PCB storage	(145 days)	180 days
HT	al - precious metal recovery	(145 days)	180 days
HU	al - volume reduction unit	(145 days)	180 days
HV	al - other facility treatment in tank	(145 days)	180 days

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REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SOLID WASTE

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
WB	existing non-secure municipal landfill <15,000 people	-	540 days
WC	existing non-secure municipal landfill >15,000 people	-	540 days
WD	secure landfill	-	540 days
WE	secure landfill for woodwaste, landclearing, and demolition debris	-	540 days
WF	non-secure woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris landfill ≤6 acres	-	270 days
WN	closing plan for secure landfills	-	365 days
WO	closing plan for non-secure landfills	-	365 days
W1	alternative approval of a municipal landfill closing plan	-	90 days
WQ	landfill preliminary information reports	-	60 days
W5	public benefit determination	-	60 days
WG	incineration - MSW/special waste	-	540 days
WH	reduced and full procedure for transfer stations & storage facilities	(120 days)	180 days
WI	tire storage facility	(120 days)	180 days
WK	processing facility other than composting	(270 days)	365 days
WV	beneficial use - fuel substitution	-	90 days
WL	on-going beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
WM	on-going beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W3	one-time beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W4	one-time beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
WS	special waste disposal - one time ≤6 cubic yards	-	30 days
WT	special waste disposal - one time >6 cubic yards	-	60 days
WU	special waste disposal - routine	-	90 days
WZ	pilot project	(120 days)	180 days
W7	permit-by-rule cull potato disposal		5 working days
WH	permit-by-rule <2 acre wood waste storage area		24 days
WI	permit-by-rule tire storage		24 days
WK	permit-by-rule processing soils contaminated with virgin oil		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule manufacture of flowable fill		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule processing wood wastes		18 working days
W3	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tire chips as fill		24 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SEPTAGE FACILITIES

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
S1	municipal septage management compliance (septage designation)	(45 days)	60 days
S2	septage non-utilization site (disposal)	(270 days)	365 days
S3	septage utilization site	(270 days)	365 days
S4	septage storage site	(60 days)	90 days

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SLUDGE & RESIDUALS

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
SB	industrial sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SH	industrial sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SN	industrial sludge utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SC	municipal sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SI	municipal sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SO	municipal sludge utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SD	bioash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SJ	bioash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SP	bioash utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SE	wood ash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SK	wood ash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SQ	wood ash utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SF	food waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SL	food waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SR	food waste utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SG	other waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SM	other waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SS	other waste utilization w/o program approval	(180 days)	270 days
ST	utilization storage <3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SU	utilization storage ≥3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SV	utilization - other	(180 days)	270 days
SY	utilization - one-time	(120 days)	180 days
SZ	utilization - pilot project	(60 days)	90 days

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - COMPOSTING

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
CB	type IA leaf and yard waste	(120 days)	180 days
CE	municipal solid waste compost	-	540 days
CF	type 1B & 1C residual <750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CG	type 1B & 1C residual >750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CH	type II <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CI	type II >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CJ	type III <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CK	type III >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CB	permit-by-rule composting wood, leaf and yard wastes		18 working days
CZ	compost pilot project	(120 days)	180 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT LAW

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
NA	stormwater (sw) at risk - vegetative, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	30 days
NB	sw at risk - structural, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	60 days
NC	sw at risk - vegetative, disturbed (5 acre)	-	30 days
ND	sw at risk - structural, disturbed (5 acre)	-	60 days
NE	sw sensitive threat - vegetative, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	30 days
NF	sw sensitive threat - structural, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	60 days
NG	sw sensitive threat - vegetative, disturbed (5 acre)	-	30 days
NH	sw sensitive threat - structural, disturbed (5 acre)	-	60 days
NI	sw, all other - vegetative, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	30 days
NJ	sw, all other - structural, impervious (20,000 to 1 acre)	-	60 days
NK	sw, all other - vegetative, disturbed (5 acre)	-	30 days
NL	sw, all other - structural, disturbed (5 acre)	-	60 days
-	sw permit by rule	-	14 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT*

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
08	water quality certification other than hydro	(90 days)	120 days
2A	shoreline stabilization on a great pond	(90 days)	120 days
2B	other activity on a great pond	(90 days)	120 days
2C	fragile mountains areas	(90 days)	120 days
2D	irrigation ponds	(30 days)	30 days
2E	cranberry bogs	-	45 days
4C	coastal wetland, fill/struc. >1,000 sq. ft and below mean high water or over wetland vegetation	(90 days)	120 days
4D	shoreline stabilization in a coastal wetland	(90 days)	120 days
4E	other activity on a coastal wetland	(90 days)	120 days
4F	sand dune, commercial structure >2,500 sq. ft., single or multi-family residence >5000 sq. ft., or any structure >35 ft. tall	(210 days)	270 days
4I	sand dune, single family residence >2,500 sq. ft. & <5000 sq. ft., and <35 ft. tall	(210 days)	270 days
4G	beach nourishment or restoration on a sand dune	(90 days)	120 days
4H	other activity on a sand dune	(90 days)	120 days
82	significant wildlife habitat	(90 days)	120 days
L4	stream alteration, fill in floodway	(90 days)	120 days
L5	stream alteration, shoreline stabilization	(90 days)	120 days
L6	stream alteration, other	(90 days)	120 days
-	permit by rule	-	14 days
TA	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 0 - 4,999 sq. ft.	-	30 days
TB	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 5,000 - 9,999 sq. ft.	-	30 days
TC	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 10,000 - 14,999 sq. ft.	-	30 days
TD	freshwater wetland, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 19,999 sq. ft.	-	60 days
TE	freshwater wetland, Tier 2 / 20,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	120 days
31	freshwater wetland, Tier 3, > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	120 days

* All processing times for new NRPA applications are subject to winter deferral provisions. 38 M.R.S.A. § 480-E(4).

LAND & WATER QUALITY - SITE LOCATION

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
06	delegation of authority to a municipality	-	185 days
18	airport development	-	185 days
19	medical facility development	-	185 days
20	paper mill development	-	185 days
21	lumber products sawmill development	-	185 days
22	school development	-	150 days
23	shopping center development	-	185 days
24	non-hydro utility development	-	185 days
25	warehouse development	-	185 days
26	other non-residential structure development	-	185 days
27	pipeline development	-	185 days
28	recreational site development	-	185 days
39	industrial park development	-	185 days
85	transient lodging development	-	185 days
87	multi-family or condominium development	-	185 days
L1	residential subdivision development of affordable housing	-	185 days
L2	residential subdivision development with public water & sewer	-	185 days
L3	all other residential subdivision development	-	185 days
L7	metallic mining - baseline process	-	480 days
L8	metallic mining (DEP coordinating)	-	390 days
T1	traffic 100-200 pce's (scoping only)	-	185 days
	traffic 100-200 pce's full permit	-	185 days
T2	traffic 100-200 pce's, advance ruling (scoping only)	-	45 days
	traffic 100-200 pce's advance ruling full permit	-	45 days
T3	traffic>200 pce's	-	185 days
T4	traffic>200 pce's advance ruling	-	45 days
-	planning permit (pertains to any site type project except sub-division)	-	185 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - DAMS AND HYDRO

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
32	water quality certification for storage	(300 days)	365 days
33	water quality certification, no increase in capacity	(300 days)	365 days
34	maintenance/repair only	(100 days)	180 days
35	new/expanded generating capacity	(300 days)	365 days
36	dams, water levels	(300 days)	365 days
37	dams, abandonment	(300 days)	365 days
3D	dams, release of impoundment	(245 days)	365 days
3A	hydro licensing, first consultation	(60 days)	90 days
3B	hydro licensing, second consultation	(60 days)	90 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - MINING & EXCAVATIONS

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
80	notice of intent to comply w/excavation	-	-
	notice of intent to expand excavations	-	45 days
	variance from excavation standards; general	-	90 days
	variance from quarry standards; general	-	90 days
	notice of intent to comply w/quarry standards	-	-
	notice of intent to expand quarry	-	45 days
	variance from quarry standards; general	-	90 days
81	topsoil mining	-	45 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - WASTEWATER DISCHARGE

AIS Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
5A	residential OBD up to 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5B	residential OBD over 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5C	commercial OBD	(120 days)	180 days
5D	publicly owned OBD up to 6,000 GPD	(120 days)	180 days
5E	publicly owned OBD over 6,000 GPD	(120 days)	180 days
5J	sanitary wastewater, commercial (non-OBD)	(120 days)	180 days
5K	POTW less than 6,000 GPD, with no significant industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
5L	POTW 6,000 GPD to 5 MGD, with no significant industrial waste	(120 days)	210 days
5M	POTW over 5 MGD or with significant industrial waste	(150 days)	270 days
5N	major industrial facility/process wastewater	(150 days)	270 days
5O	minor industrial facility/process wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
5P	food handling or packaging wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
5Q	fish rearing facility	(120 days)	210 days
5R	non-contact cooling water	(120 days)	180 days
5S	ind. or comm. sources/misc. or incidental non-process wastewater	(120 days)	180 days
5T	municipal combined sewer overflow	(120 days)	180 days
5U	aquatic pesticide application	(45 days)	180 days
5V	snow dumps	(60 days)	90 days
5W	salt and sand storage pile	(120 days)	180 days
5X	log storage permit	(60 days)	90 days
5Y	general permit for storm water discharges	(60 days)	90 days
5Z	experimental discharge license	(150 days)	270 days
51	creation of mixing zone	(180 days)	210 days
54	formation of sanitary district	(90 days)	120 days
63	property tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
64	sales & use tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
68	water quality certification--NPDES permit	(60 days)	180 days